THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRT M. V, CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) The quantum of external assistance received during last three years are as under :—

(Rs . Crores)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94 (Provisional)
Loans (Govt. Account) .	9116.25	8995.43	9054.95
Grants	918.98	879.62	780.09
Loans (Non-Govt.) Total	1579.56	1106.76	1321.44
	11614.79	10981.81	11156.48

(b) A statement is placed on the table of the House. *[See* Appendix 170 An-nexure No. 86]

(c) The quantum of unutilised external assistance as on 31-3-94 is Rs. 69820.87 crores (Provisional).

(d) Utilisation of external assistance on many projects has been inadequate. Insufficient provision of counterpart funds, procurement delays, problems in land acquisition, savings due to exchange rate fluctuations and project specific issues are among the chief reasons for this situation.

(e) A Project Management Unit has been constituted in the Ministry of Finance for regular monitoring of the disbursement position of Externally Aided Projects.

Officials of Indian Economic Service in Madras

4406. SHRI A. NALLASIWAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of Indian Economic Service officials presently working in Madras and since when they are working there and the details of offices they have worked/are working there ;

(b) the details of above officers who have worked for more than ten years in Madras and whether they are likely to be transferred in the near future ; if so, the details thereof ; if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the reasons for retention of IES officials for more than ten years at Madras ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THB MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) There are 8 Indian Economic Service officers presently posted in Madras. The details of offices they have worked/are working are given below :

S. No.	Name	Name of the Organisation
1.	Mr. S. Aiycngar .	Regional Evaluation Office. Planning Commission, Madras.
	Mr. John Boskoc	. SISI, Madras
3.	Mr. M. S. Jayaramao .	. SISI, Madras
4.	Mr. M. Kannan .	Customs House, Madras
5.	Mr. R. Murugeshan	. Dte. of Economics& Statistics, D/o Agri. & Co-, operation, Madras
6.	Mr. K. L. Prasad	. DGCI&S, Madras
7.	Mr. M. N. Sivasubramanian	. Madras Export Processing Zone. State Planning Commission, Govt, of Tamil Nadiu
S.	Mr. M. Velumuriiaan .	. SISI, Madras. Deptt. of Industry, Tamil Nadu Industrial Guidance & Export Promotion Bureau Govt, of Tamil Nadu

(b) & (c) The details of the officers working for more than ten years are as under

!. No.	Name	Name of Office	Since when posted
1.	Mr. R. Murugeshan	· Dte. of E&S, D/o Agriculture & Coopn.	2.8-S2
2.	Mr. M. Velumurugan	. (a) SISI, Madras (b) D/o Industry, Tamil Nadu Industrial Guidance & Export Promotion Bureau, Govt, of Tamil Nadu	(a) Feb., 1984 to 21-8-91 (b) 22-8-91

The transfers of the officers are done as per administrative necessity as and when required.

Amount Released by Nabard to Maharashtra

4407. SHRI V. N. GADGIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has made any representation regarding release of the balance amount of Rs. 75 crore due from NABARD under Maharashtra Agriculture and Rural Debt Relief Scheme;

(b) whether the delay in releasing the amount has already caused a loss on account of interest to the extent of Rs. 11 crores upto March, 1994 and Rs. 19.75 crores in 1992-93, to the Government of Maharashtra ; and

(c) whether the Government of India would compensate the Government of Maharashtra for the said loss ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (c) Government of Maharashtra has been making representations for release of balance amount due under Agriculture and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), which has been entrusted with the responsibility for implementation and reimbursement of claims under the Scheme, has reported that, as against the total claims of Rs. 488.94 crores lodged by the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSCB) and Maharashtra State Land Development Bank (MSLDB) for reimbursement against the loans written off by them, they have been reimbursed a sum of Rs. 222,06 crores by way of grant from Central Government and an equal amount by way of loans to them aggregating to Rs. 244.12 crores. Thus, the balance to be reimbursed comes to Rs. 22.41 crores by way of grant and Rs. 22.41 crores by way of loans. The release of balance amount will be considered by NABARD only after receipt of final/ revised claims from MSCB and MSLDB duly complying with the instructions of NABARD for excluding ineligible claims and penal and compound interest. Such revised statements have not yet been received from them by NABARD. Since the Scheme is a participative programme with the State Governments and they have not yet submitted revised claims, the insistence of payment towards interest loss is not sustainable.

Long-term Credit Schemes for Agricultural Development in Punjab

4408. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formu lated schemes to provide long-term credit to fanners for the development of agri culture and allied activities, including improvement of land and the methods of cultivation in the country, particularly in Punjab during 1993-94 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and District-wise : and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (c) Term loans are provided by banks for agriculture and allied activities (which include advances for reclamation and land development schemes and for adopting modern methods of cultivation like the use of tractors and other agricultural